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Monmouth Figure Skating Carnival

By Stewart Smith

There was talent. There was whimsy and fun. There was colour and great costumes. There was a full house in the Monmouth Arena, Wilberforce, on Saturday evening, March 30, to enjoy the show.

This was the Carnival of the Monmouth Figure Skating Club. The theme was, "Under the Big Top."

All Club members were able to show off what they have learned this year.

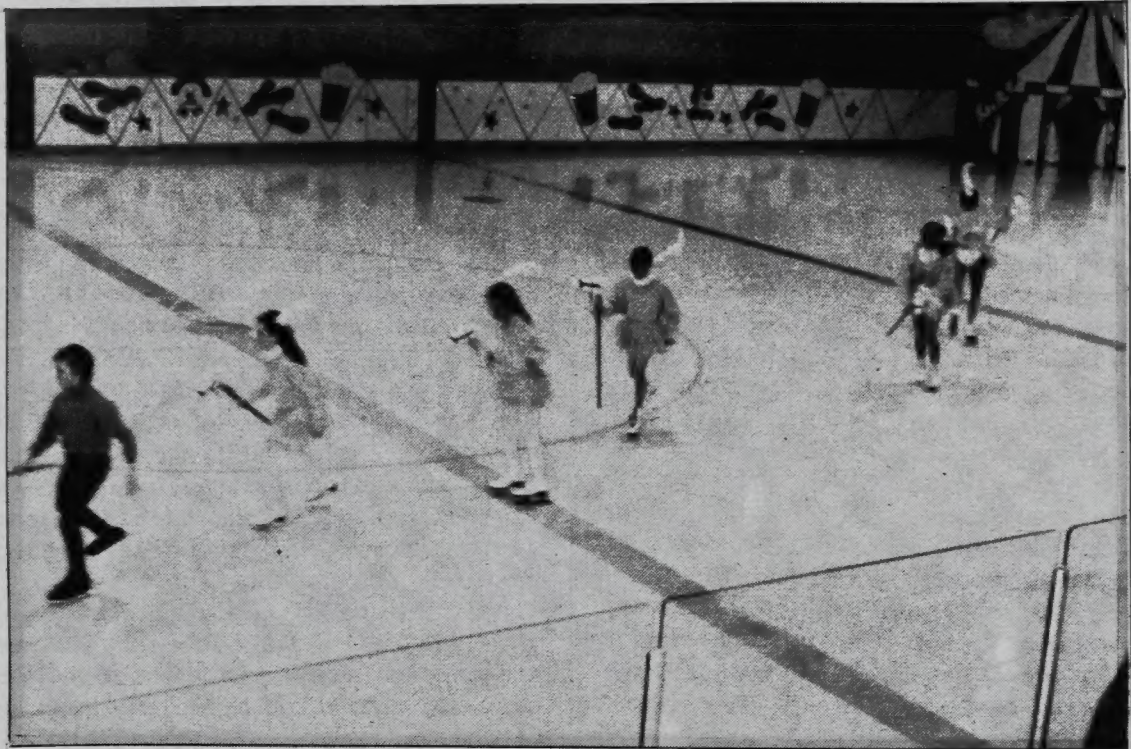
The Club has 13 Seniors: 8 Older Seniors and 6 Younger Seniors.

Most had solos or duets as well as parts in group numbers. Soloists and duetists were:

*Meghann Agnew,
*Crystal Alden,
*Lindsey Logan,
*Winter Quibell,
*Cindy Vaughan,
*Jennifer Watson,
*Tanya Watson,
*Christina Alden,
*Kate Foulds,
*Jessica Swan,
*Daniel Vanier,
and *Kathy Rogers.

In addition the older seniors presented "High Wire Artists," while the younger Seniors were "Horse Riding Acrobats:"

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Younger Seniors of Monmouth Figure Skating Club in "Horse Riding Acrobats"

New Managed Forest Program

By Stewart Smith

A new Managed Forest Tax Rebate Program has been reinstated in Ontario. Many area land-owners, who have at least 25 acres of land in

forest, with property taxes of at least \$250 a year, are eligible.

Forester Mike Clarke spoke to an overflow crowd in the Dungannon Recreation Centre on Saturday, March

30, explaining the new program.

His first message was one of urgency. Application must be made by April 30, 1996 to be eligible for the program this year. Applications are available now from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. If you do not have one, and may qualify, you should

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Police Volunteers Warn of Frauds

by Ann W. Smith

"Mail frauds and scams are around again". This is a warning from the Wilberforce and Area Community Police Association which held its regular meeting on Tuesday March 26 at 7 p.m.

This meeting was in the Harcourt Community Centre in the hopes that

more people from of the area to be that part of its wary of possible coverage area frauds and scams would come and if they receive perhaps get involved. However, the too good to be weather worked true and ask for against them, producing icy roads, people have recently received fraud-people attended.

They want people see page 5

The Owl



This owl has been visiting the home of Albert and Dorothy Stapley for several weeks. It catches the moles that come to the bird feeder within 20 feet of the back door

Students Protest Cuts

By Stewart Smith

Hundreds of North Hastings High School (Bancroft) students staged protests on Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29, and may go to Toronto to complain, on Tuesday, April 2.

Co-organizer ALAN CHRISTIANSEN explains, "Nineteen teachers have been laid off." Lay-off notices were received last Tuesday, to take effect next September.

Co-organizer DALE KELLAR adds that every teacher with less than 7 years' teaching here has received a "pink slip." Included are the Phys Ed Department Head; the only Music teacher; many Science and English teachers; and most of the Tech Department.

Though in shock, the students managed to plan the protests. They began with an Assembly Thursday morn-

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Bancroft O.P.P.

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St. Patrick's Dance at Harcourt



The band Timber Tom and the Crosscuts at the Harcourt St. Patrick's Dance. Members are Andy Hillo Jr., Tom Coghlan Jr., Shawn Stoughton, Lyle Coghlan, Danny Coghlan.

By Stewart Smith
Response was gratifying to the St. Patrick's Dance at Harcourt Community Centre, on Saturday, March 16.

By 9:30 p.m., 60 people had come, with more arriving every few seconds.

Live band for the evening was Timber Tom and the Crosscuts, with members *Tom Coghlan Jr. *Lyle Coghlan *Danny Coghlan *Andy Hillo Jr., *Shawn Stoughton. Money raised by

the dance will be used for renovations to the kitchen of the hall. New counters are being installed, along with new sinks and taps.

The next major event for Harcourt will be the Harcourt Ball Tournament, planned for the second weekend in July [July 12, 13, 14].

In the fall there will be a Hunters' Dance, probably on Sat., November 9. Ross Covert also

reminds us of the the Harcourt Community Centre, at nesday night, in 7:30 p.m.

Mad Cow Disease Report

We are startled by the current hysteria regarding Mad Cow Disease. Are several nations using this as a convenient excuse for long desired trade barriers against British meat?

The Couriers of August 3 and August 17, 1995 carried a carefully written and informative article about Mad Cow Disease, submitted by Helen James, of Cardiff.

I would like to condense these now. The underlining is new - to assist quick reading.

Creutzfeld - Jacob Disease (CJD) became a household word only on July 15, when the Red Cross recalled [certain] blood products.

The story begins over 250 years ago when sheep in Britain and other parts of Europe developed a brain disorder called Scrapie. Final symptoms: muscular lack of co-ordination and twitching, nervous excitability, and intense itching which causes them to violently scrape off their wool.

Cattle pasturing beside scrapie-infected sheep remained healthy.

Then in Britain, in 1986, cows began [to get] Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), the cattle version of Scrapie.

Why? Since 1976, calves had been fed a growth supplement made from offal (sheep and cattle carcasses, including the brain). Later, dairy cows also received these supplements. Creatures by nature ruminants (grass eaters) were turned into cannibals!

In May, 1990, a Siamese cat (nicknamed Mad Mac) died. It had been fed pet food from carcasses. The brains of 12 more sick cats showed similar

Haliburton County Information Centre

Personal Income Tax Returns and Guaranteed Income Supplement applications are now in the mail. Your GIS application should not be completed until you have received all records of income for 1995 including any bank interest. The Information Centre will be happy to assist you in completing this application.

Volunteers and staff of the Haliburton County Information Centre will prepare tax returns without charge for low in-

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*T4U for Unemployment earnings,
*T5 for any bank interest received,
*T4A for Old Age Security,
*T4A(P) for Canada Pension,
*T5007 for social assistance, GAINS or worker's compensation,
*any other pension

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Vegetarians Plan Meeting

The Haliburton - North Hastings Vegetarian Association is planning a pot luck dinner in the Senior Citizens Clubhouse, Bancroft, on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 2 pm.

Guest speaker will be Esther Klein, from Ottawa. She is well

known for her speaking and writing on the ethical treatment of animals.

In addition there will be several displays, a door prize, and the presentation of a video by Dr. Michael Klaper.

In the past three years, Tom and Helen James have sponsored two similar events in their Cardiff home. But crowded conditions did not make for a really

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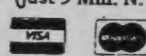
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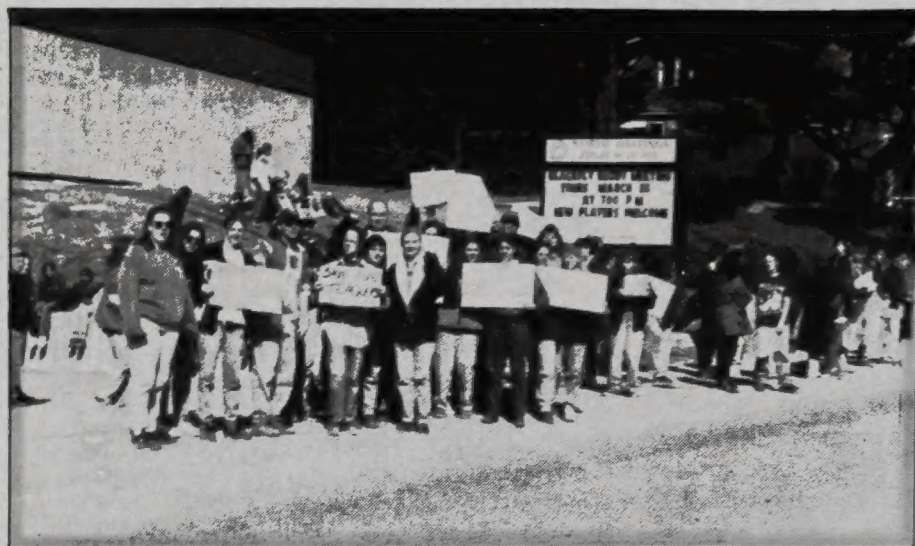


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Students Protest Loss of Teachers

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North Hastings High School students demonstrate actively and peacefully against lay-offs of 19 teachers

ing [March 28] with Board of Education Trustee Don Taylor present.

After the Assembly, the students marched around Bancroft, along the main street to the Senior Elementary School, back along the main street, and to the M.N.R. offices where the OPSEU strikers gave them great support, and back to the High School where they held a noisy but peaceful demonstration, complete with placards.

DON TAYLOR explained further for the Courier.

The Hastings County Board of Education knew that cuts were coming from the Ministry of Education. They were preparing for a \$4 million cut.

Late in March the news came down from the Ontario Government. The cut would be \$5.5 million. The Board would just have to slash another \$1.5 billion from its budget.

The Board consulted with its lawyers, counting the days to the end of the school year. They asked, "In a worst case scenario, how many staff would we have to cut?" The answer was 528 individuals.

Teacher and negotiator Lyle Col-

lins confirms that 16 weeks of notice are needed if that many people are to be laid off.

The Board prepared "pink slips" for everyone who has 7 years or less Seniority with the Hastings County Board. "They're young teachers," laments Don Taylor, "and quite valuable to this Board."

"I feel abused [by the Ontario government]," he protests. "We judiciously made an effort" to abide by government guidelines. "We're there in terms of administration... We were already there - so our employees took the hit." Sadly, "I can't see anything other than loss

for students in Hastings County."

He warns, "We [Ontario] are well embarked down the slippery slope towards a two-tier education system."

LYLE COLLINS, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation representative, agrees. "This government... caters to those who have! So much for equality!" He sees privatization of education coming - with fabulous schools for those who can afford them - and ?? for the rest. As with OPSEU "This government's design is to destroy the unions, and privatize."

About the "pink slips" he adds, "The Board has

been giving these out for several years" in a sort of Creative Writing exercise. "I have got five."

As vacancies occur - through retirement - or as enrolment increases, the teachers are recalled, one by one. Recalling is based on Seniority, as well as specialised skill (as in Music, French, and Tech). But even that will be County-wide. He suggests that those with a few years' Seniority with this Board will likely be taken back - with no loss of seniority. New teachers must take the pink slips seriously.

"If you want to save the teachers, one way is by raising taxes," suggests Mr. Collins. Taxes have been raised only 4 % in the past 3 years.

On the other hand "If you cut education, and cut the teachers, you hurt the students."

The protesting students have the sympathy of both the Board and the Teachers. However, these are adamant: The student protests are entirely the idea of the students. They were not "put up" to it. Mr. Collins notes, they have seen and heard much about the O.P.S.E.U. strike, and days of protest in London and Hamilton.



cold chisels in a two foot green metal box. The total value of stolen property is approximately \$10,500.

Comet Hyakutake

By Stewart Smith

HYAKUTAKE, named by and for its Japanese discoverer. It is described by Randy Attwood, Past President of the Toronto Branch of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as, "an average comet," rather unspectacular. But it suddenly appeared, and then approached the Earth closer than most other comets.

This show in the sky began in late March, and could be enjoyed by most people by Saturday March 23.

The most spectacular performance was on Sunday night, March 24. Unfortunately this area was blanketed by cloud then.

The show is continuing, although performances are less spectacular now. It will continue to be visible until the end of April.

"Star" of the show is the Comet

Randy Attwood adds that the solid core of the comet - a mixture of

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Collecting Food

By Stewart Smith

The Quinte Youth for Christ does not have a strong presence in Bancroft. The volunteer driver, Jack Harris, is from Madoc. He speaks of the Youth for Christ work in North Hastings in terms of sponsoring "Athletes in Action", who will be in North Hastings High School on Monday morning, April 15, and in a local church on the previous evening.

By 12:30 noon, 292 pounds of food - mainly canned goods - had been brought to restock the shelves of the Community Cupboard, in Bancroft. This was a most remarkable effort for three young people and their two drivers. These were going door to door in Bancroft, asking for donations of food for the Community Cupboard, which in the past few weeks has run out of all food except cereals from Quaker Oats in Trenton.

Now their shelves were being replenished through the Quinte Youth for Christ's "Hunger Hike Walkathon." The effort was not so much a Walkathon in Bancroft, as a collection - which served a truly practical purpose.

The three young people collecting in Bancroft were actually from the Hastings County Board of Education Choir. They were: *Adam Bishop; *Ashley Smith; and *Amanda Storey. With them was a second volunteer driver, Brian Bishop.

These young people collected over 100 pounds of food

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Cardiff Cottage Robbed

Bancroft O.P.P.

On Friday, March 29, police received a complaint of a break, enter and theft that occurred at a cottage in Cardiff Township. The cottage was broken into sometime during the previous week. Stolen from the cottage was a Technics black radio, a black Panasonic 33 inch GA00 colour television, black Sound Dynamics stereo speakers, a Panasonic palm-

corder with tripod, a black Samsung VCR, a Technics double "A" auto reverse dual cassette deck, 40 blues CD's, 2 36 x 15 inch Cerwin Vega speakers, a Technics amplifier/equalizer, a General Instrument Satellite receiver with update board, a Technics portable CD/cassette player, a Technics Compact Disc player, 10 antique

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EDITORIAL

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY ?

By Pastor Terry Grimes,
Bancroft Pentecostal Tabernacle

T.G.I.F.! There are very few people who do not recognize these letters to mean "Thank God It's Friday!"

Many people in the work-world live from Monday to Thursday looking forward to fantastic Friday. To the weary wage-earner Friday is a highlight of the week because it is the end of a work period; it begins a free and relaxing weekend; and, most of all, it is usually payday. O glorious Friday!

But what about Good Friday - that once a year Friday just before Easter? What makes Good Friday "good"? It is rather ironic that a day commemorating the worst act of atrocity in all of human history should be called "good".

The Creator became the creature. God became man; the Owner of the universe became poor; the Adored among the angels became scorned among humanity. Why? It was so that all humanity might reap the glorious benefits!

How was the gracious God repaid? On one special day, "in the fullness of time", Jesus was forsaken by all his friends; he was whipped and flogged; he was spit upon; he was mocked; he had the hair of his beard plucked from his face; he had a crown of thorns planted into his skull; he was nailed to a cruel cross; he was pierced through with a spear and he was suspended between earth and heaven until he died. After all that, we call that day "Good Friday". What's wrong with this picture?

In spite of all I have just said let me suggest a few reasons why "Good Friday" is rightly named.

First of all, without a Good Friday there could never be an Easter. It was the day that salvation for all humanity was purchased. When Jesus died on the cross He died in the place of all who have sinned. He set us free from the penalty of sin which is death. **THAT'S GOOD!**

Secondly, Jesus paid the price for our Divine healing. Isaiah said, "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him and by his stripes we are healed." On that first Good Friday, He provided healing for our soul, mind and body. **THAT'S GOOD!**

Thirdly, Good Friday signified the finishing of a great task. Jesus came to do the will of his heavenly Father. The cross was part of that plan. Jesus had completed His commission to the fullest degree. Jesus said, "It is finished!" **THAT'S GOOD!**

Finally, the cross was the gateway for Jesus back to His heavenly home. For thirty-three years the One who

Flo Elliott Writes from Wilberforce

IS SPRING HERE YET ?

You just can't trust that March weather.

The sun may shine, and the snow start to melt. You may even see tiny green shoots of early spring flowers appear; and the crows may fill the air with their coarse cry. But don't be fooled - not even for a minute.

March is not done with us yet.

Just when we are tempted to rid ourselves of the heavy winter clothes we have become so tired of, and leave the old winter boots at home, March turns nasty. The winds howl, and the snow flies, and leaves us shivering in our spring finery, and longing for those warm winter woollen garments.

Not only that, but a cold will overtake us and leave us wondering if it's worth hanging around waiting for spring to come back.

You would think we would learn our lesson. It happens almost every year. But after such a long winter, who can blame us when we get carried away and rush the season?

I remember when we first moved here in about 1943. We arrived in the worst blizzard of the season - in mid March, of course. We came by train, the only sure way in those days. The roads were not very reliable in the winter. As we walked through the village, I thought this was the greatest place: all the wonderful snow to play in!

Nothing was paved then, and when all

this great snow went away, the mud was unbelievable. Everyone had to wear rubber boots, and then you had to be careful you kept out of the really deep ruts, for fear your boots came off and left you in a sorry state.

When we lived in Meaford, March was the time we got really strong winds off Georgian Bay. They were so cold they almost froze the heart within us. It always seemed much colder up there to me than it did here, maybe because we had so far to walk to school.

When we lived up north, our father froze his feet in January and had to have his big toe off in March. And when he had to go to Sunnybrook Hospital in 1966, it was on March 24th, my birthday. That's how I can remember it. Ant it was so cold we hated to take him outside.

Enough of this griping about March. Sometimes the weather can get so warm; and it can be so refreshing to smell those spring breezes and know that no matter how bad the weather gets, it will soon change. The snow will really go away. The flowers will really start to grow. The birds will arrive in great flocks. The sun will shine warmer and warmer. And you will know that winter is over for another year.

And we will soon be able to start complaining about the black flies.

Vegetarian Meeting

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Guest speaker Esther Klein

good gathering. They note that the movement towards vegetarianism is gaining popularity at an increasing rate. Even Lisa Simpson, from the TV cartoon, last October 15th, announced to millions of viewers that she is now a vegetarian! The purpose of this event is threefold:

- 1) to enable vegetarians of this area to get to know one another better and to share ideas and concerns.
- 2) to get some idea as to what is happening in other areas.
- 3) to encourage non-vegetarians to become involved.

created the vast expanse of the galaxies was confined to the limitations of a physical body. He got hungry, tired and thirsty. Good Friday would set Him free and put an end to all that forever. **THAT'S GOOD!**

When Jesus looked at the approaching events of crucifixion day He may very well have thought, "It's Friday, but, Sunday is coming!" The writer to the Hebrews penned in Hebrews 12:2, "Let us look only to Jesus, the one who began our faith and who makes it perfect. He suffered death on the cross. But He accepted the shame as if it were nothing because of the JOY that God set before Him. And now He is sitting at the right side of God's throne." **THAT'S GOOD!**

THAT'S VERY GOOD!

May I encourage you with this final thought, You may be having a Good Friday experience in your life right now. But put your faith in Jesus! Sunday does come to all who trust the Lord!

I trust your Good Friday will be enhanced by this article! By the way, have yourself a "good day"!

Income Tax Help

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or superannuation 10 a.m. - 12 noon; you may receive, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and

*total rental payments or property taxes paid.

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In Haliburton the centre is located on Maple Ave., in the Drag River Building. Phone (705) 457-2733. Monday to Friday,

Sweet Dreams !

Bancroft O.P.P.

In the late evening hours of Friday, March 22, a home owner was awakened by noises in their home.

The owner investigated the noises and found two

males in the house and then yelled at them and they fled the house. The culprits entered the house by kicking in the door. This incident is being investigated by Const. Vanderwoude.

Monmouth Carnival

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Renee and Rachel Richard

and both together presented "Lions and Tamers."

Coming up quickly are the Novice, whose numbers were "Panthers," "Popcorn Vendors," "Clowns," and "Peanuts." How awkward it must have felt - but they did not show it - to skate with trays projecting in front of them.

The Basic skaters presented "Tigers" and "Candy Floss."

The Elementary skaters presented "Monkeys" and "Dogs."

The Beginners were "Elephants" and "Midget Clowns."

Even the Pre-Beginners, starting at age 3 and 4, had their part, as "Bears" and "Strong Men."

Guest skaters Renee and Rachel Richard added even more excitement to the evening, with several solo and duet numbers. For many years active in the Bancroft Skating Club, these accomplished athletes are now training with coach Peter Dunfield, at the Gloucester Skating Club, and continuing their education in Ottawa. Renee will go to the University of Ottawa this fall, which is adept at making flexible schedules to accommodate the busy life of athletes in training.

The Executive of the Monmouth Figure Skating Club - Joanne Vanier, Gail Alden, and

The United church Women of Cardiff United church and St. Marks, Paudash, United Church joined forces again this year to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

The sun was shining on Saturday, March 30 to encourage people to come out to the Daffodil Tea at the Cardiff United Church.

The tea was served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Jean Blackburn and Iris Kendall were in charge of the sale of fresh daffodils at \$4 per bunch. They were able to enjoy the tea as well when the 40 bunches of flowers

were sold out by 3 p.m.

Ruth Rosenblath, President of the Cardiff U.C.W., and Gertrude Shoudy, President of St. Mark's U.C.W.,

poured tea and coffee while other members of the U.C.W. served the sandwiches and cakes and cookies. The 34 places that were set up at 8 tables were

filled at least twice during the 2 hours.

The money raised for the work of the Canadian Cancer society was approximately \$350.



New Managed Forest Program

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immediately phone 1-800-268-8959. A sketch of the property is also required by that date.

He traced the program from its demise in 1993 to its re-instatement by The Hon. Chris Hodgson, Minister of Natural Resources, on February 9, 1996. He notes that \$4 million has been set aside for the tax rebate program. This will be divided equitably among those accepted into the program.

He outlined objectives of *forestry education for land-owners; and *healthy woodlots

for Ontario.

The program promises property tax rebate cheques to be delivered before the end of 1996.

Mike Clarke spoke of the Woodlot Management Plan, which should be prepared by December, 1996 - for smaller properties. The Ministry of Natural Resources would have material on file for those in the earlier Forestry Tax Rebate Program.

He spoke of the involvement of the Ministries of: Municipal Affairs and Housing; Finance; and Natural Resources; and the Ontario Forestry Association; and the Ontario Woodlot & Sawmill Operators Association. The Bancroft Chapter of this last sponsored the meeting.

He noted that land owned by Municipalities or government Agencies - such as the Conservation Authorities - is not eligible for this program.

He urged anyone who is interested to apply. The only

restrictions come after a rebate has been received. Then the Woodland Plan must be a Condition of Sale. We noted, "Land-owners will be required to repay with interest at 10% a year...previous rebates received by them (as far back as 10 years)...if the property is no longer managed according to the management plan." That is, the forest cut for housing subdivisions, or other alleged "development."

The Bancroft Chapter of the OWSOA met after the general meeting. It returned: *Sanford Trotter as President; *Lou Freymond as Vice-President; *Dan Clunis as Secretary-Treasurer; *Glen Parks, and *Wayne Rupnow as Directors.

Membership in the Ontario Woodlot & Sawmill Operators [or is it Owners] Association is \$25 a year. The Bancroft Chapter covers both North Hastings and Haliburton.

Lynda Whitefield - have every reason to be delighted with the Carnival. They are already looking forward to next year.

Registration will be the first weekend of October.

The Club is also delighted with Coach Tracy Dion, of Coe Hill. "We hope the Coach is coming back," agrees Joanne Vanier. "We know we want her."

Warning of Frauds

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dulent offers by mail. The police warn everyone, "DO NOT SEND MONEY".

The Community Police invite everyone to a Pancake Breakfast and Flea Market at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Saturday April 6.

O.P.P. Constable Ron Buchanan of the Minden Detachment sent word that the police are running a Street Proofing Program for the children of Wilberforce Public School on Tuesdays

beginning in April. Bob Park of the Wilberforce I.G.A. will be having the annual BBQ at his store from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday April 27. This will coincide with the clean up of the road sides in celebration of Earth Day. It is hoped to have a Bike Rodeo for the kids the same day.

Tickets for a 50/50 Draw are on sale now. The draw will take place at Country Good Times on July 21 in the Monmouth Arena.

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Novice 3 & 4 in "Peanuts." Behind them is part of the scenery painted by Mary Barker

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Lloyd Watson Centre,
Wilberforce

Dear Amy

Dear Amy,

I read your answer to "Born Once" and I found it to be very enlightening.

I too have been puzzled over people claiming to be "Born Again" and also people saying that they have been "Changed."

How can I possibly be changed?
- Unchanged

Dear Unchanged:

After a person becomes "Born Again," that person is changed. The Scripture says in II Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone belongs to Christ he is a new creation, old things have gone, everything is made new."

It does not mean that my facial features, my body, my walk, my voice or my particular set of talents or abilities are changed.

What it does mean is that when I become a Child of God, and His Holy Spirit comes to indwell me, He brings with Himself certain attributes. The Scripture in Galatians 5:22 describes these attributes as "The Fruit Of The Spirit." There are nine: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The Bible does not say fruits; it is always singular - fruit. Either I am Born Of The Spirit Of God or I am not. Either I have the Fruit of the Spirit or I do not. I cannot separate them. If I cannot see love, joy, peace, self control...radiating from my being, I have every right to question whether or not I am filled with the Spirit of God.

Incidentally, after saying that my facial features and my body do not change, I think in many cases they do. If I have peace and joy, I am bound to look different, even walk differently, and take care of my body differently.

I do thank God that I have been changed. I pray that you soon will be too.

- Sincerely, Amy

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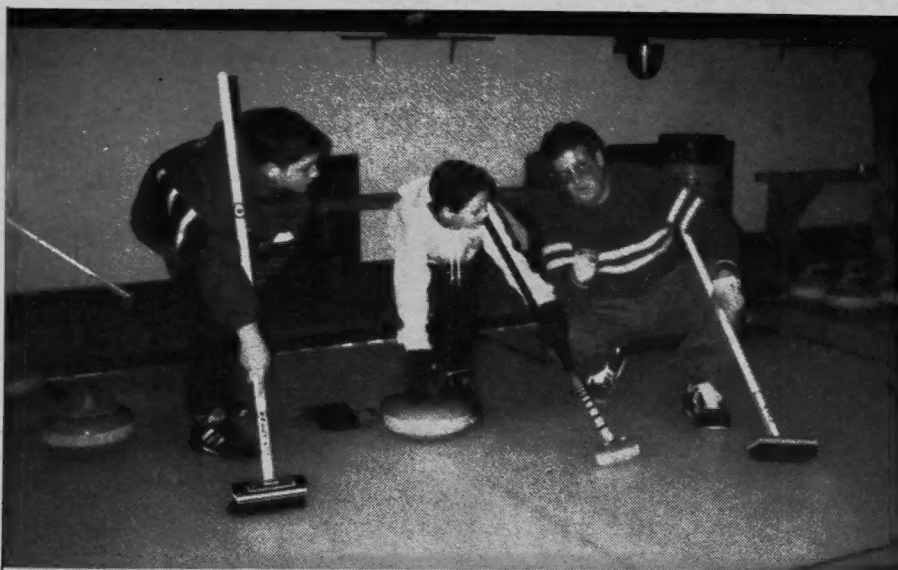
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Keith Cameron Memorial Bonspiel



BRIAR CALIBRE? Not yet, but that's what Mark Smith, right, has in mind for Eugene DeCarlo, left, and Dale Brennan, students at Wilberforce Elementary School. It's all part of the Monmouth Curling Club's weekly sessions at which local boys and girls are getting their first taste of the fun and challenge of "the roaring game." Mark and wife Michelle are providing the basic instruction, with the assistance of members of the Monmouth Club who take turns as shot-by-shot coaches.

By Ernie Hemphill

Curlers representing 12 rinks from communities throughout central Ontario converged on the Monmouth Curling Club's Wilberforce rink recently for the Keith Cameron Memorial Bonspiel.

This is an annual event which has consistently attracted stiff outside competition for local devotees of "The Roaring Game."

The locals proved equal to the task. Skip George Waugh directed his four-

son John Waugh, Vice; Mark Smith, Second; Jeff Smith, Lead - into the winner's circle.

Runner-up spot went to another Wilberforce rink: Skip Roy Bridge; Vice Don Maharey; Second Rick For-

Fleming.

In third place was the Neil Burk rink from Minden: Vice Brian Crowder, Second Ross Tetch, and Lead Jim Fanning.

Scott Park, another Wilberforce skip, knocked off fourth spot with the help of Vice Steve Robertson, Second Mac Hughes, and Lead Wilf LaPage.

It was a busy weekend: The Wilberforce rink's two ice surfaces were in almost constant use as curlers from Minden, Little Britain, Hillsborough, Lindsay, Stroud, Orillia, Gooderham, Harcourt, and the greater Toronto area - Don Mills, Scarborough, Thornhill - made their bid to put one on the button.

Comet Hyakutake

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rock, ice and dust - is only about 5 to 10 kilometres across: "about the size of a small town."

Ian McGregor, Astronomer and Science Educator at the Royal Ontario Museum adds that this nucleus is surrounded by a "coma" or cloud of ice, gases, and dust, some 500,000 kilometres across.

This is what we are able to see.

We - Stewart and Ann Smith - saw the show first on Saturday night, March 23 - at midnight. The comet was a rather large, fuzzy blob, a little behind the handle of the Big Dipper, close to overhead. Stretching behind it was a tail - looking like a ghostly jet trail - which Ian McGregor tells us stretched 44 and 40 million kilometres.

We saw the comet again on successive nights during the last week of

March.

Each night it had changed position, moving farther north. It was close to Polaris (the North Star); then past Polaris, to above the "W" of Cassiopeia.

Now it will be in Perseus, to the left (west) of Cassiopeia, low in the north-western sky. It will be about as high as the bright planet Venus. A reasonable amount of comet tail should be visible, if you allow your eyes to adjust to the dark.

Hyakutake will come closest to the Sun on May 1. Then it will go back by another way to the outer

reaches of the solar system.

This is the first visit of Hyakutake to Earth in many thousand years. On Sunday night it came within 15 million kilometres of Earth - a spectacularly close approach! The Moon, by comparison, is about 400 thousand kilometres away.

The Astronomers were actually waiting for next year. In March of 1997, Comet HALE-BOPP (named for its co-discoverers) will come near Earth. "It might be brighter," hopes Randy Attwood, "with more tail structure, and a larger nucleus."

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Collecting for Community Cupboard

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Food collectors Ashley Smith, Amanda Storey, and Adam Bishop, with Jack Harris (Youth for Christ).

each, in a few hours on Saturday morning and early afternoon.

The Community Cupboard is on Station Street, Bancroft, at the back of a building beside Bowes and Cocks Real Estate. Open Hours are: Monday, Wednesday,

and Friday, from 1 to 3 p.m. Contact at other times can be made through the Children's Aid Society.

"We've been really hit hard this month," sighed Community Cupboard volunteer worker Yvone Parks. "Without Quaker

Oats we would not have been able to survive the last couple of months."

The Community Cupboard does have one item stocked - too well. There is a large shipment of Enfalac, which must be given out before the end of April. Do you know of an infant who could use it?

The Hastings County Choir has 10 members in the Bancroft area. They are looking forward to a tour in Eastern Ontario and Quebec in mid June, 1996. There will be fund-raising efforts in preparation. They promise that the Courier will be told ahead of time about these fund raisers, so that we can encourage our readers to participate.

BICROFT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

by Ann W. Smith

Bicroft Township Council met on Thursday March 28 with all members present.

Gerry Leering, recently appointed Manager of the Bancroft Office of The Greer Galloway Group presented samples of maps that had been produced with the aid of computers. Some maps were in colour.

Requests for financial aid for Telecare Bancroft and the North Hastings Music Festival were set aside until the

budget for the year is complete. Bicroft has supported Telecare for over 12 years.

Letters from Greer Galloway about the Sewage Works indicated that Bicroft is, as Reeve Howe commented, "heading in the right direction" now they have got through the delays caused by bureaucracy. He considered that the estimated annual operating cost is reasonable.

DYNO ESTATES WATER

Problems with the Dyno water supply were traced to the pump which was the wrong one for the job. The correct

type of pump has been ordered and will be installed at no extra cost to Bicroft.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority has set

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Robbing the Hospital

Bancroft O.P.P.

Sometime between March 12 - 16, unknown person(s) entered the North Hastings District Hospital, Bancroft, and stole a navy canvas bag containing paediatric trauma equipment.

The bag contained resuscitation and trauma equipment used for the treatment of child-

ren. It was stolen from the emergency treatment room at this hospital. This incident is being investigated by Const. Cox. If anyone has any information about this incident, please contact the Bancroft OPP or Crimestoppers at 1-800-267-4357.

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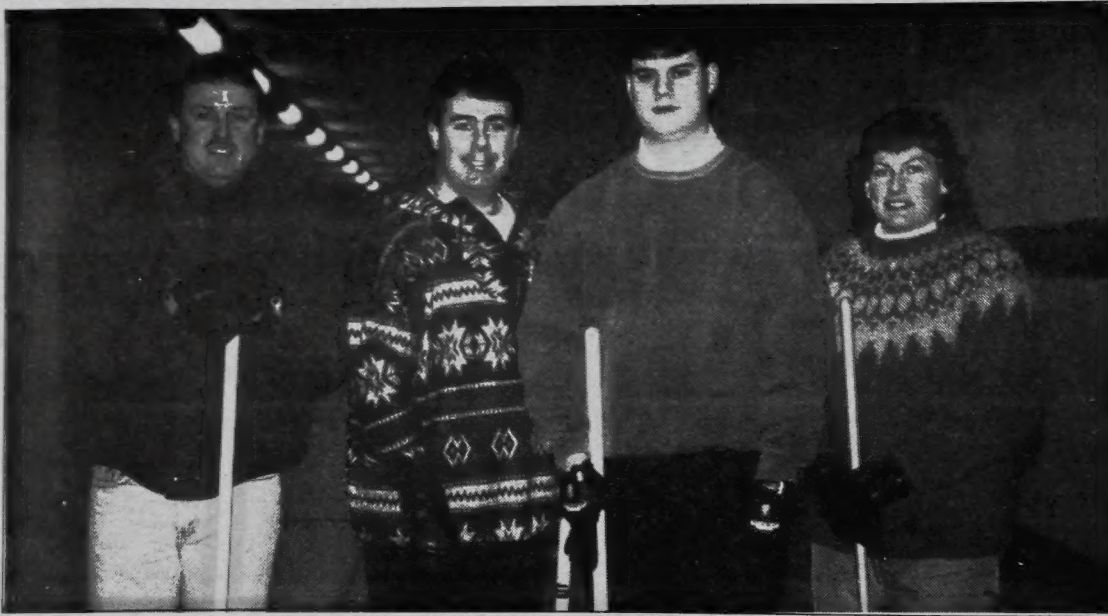
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Business Bonspiel Held at Wilberforce



A SOLID PERFORMANCE But one would expect nothing less from a rink representing Casey Concrete when they finished in second place at the Monmouth Curling Club's second annual Business Bonspiel. Left to right are Skip Gary Casey, Vice Tom Baragar, Second Todd Dandy, and Lead Laura Casey.

Supplied by Roberta Walsh

When is a clean sweep good business?

When you're competing to win in the second annual Business Bonspiel at the Monmouth Curling Club's Wilberforce rink. And that was the object of the exercise for the 16 rinks which entered the event.

For a number of the 64 who took part in the two-day competition it was the first time they had taken broom in hand on an ice surface.

Winners of the trophy donated by Don and Ann's Place in Harcourt was the Barr's General Store rink, Gooderham. This was Skipped by Ron Barr, ably supported by Vice Ed Morais, Second Al Degrave and

Lead Ron Mark. Runners-up were Skip Gary Casey, Vice Tom Baragar, Second Todd Dandy and Lead Laura Casey, entered under the Casey Concrete of Cardiff banner.

In third place was the rink sponsored by the Bostonian Motel in Wilberforce.

A foursome representing Wilberforce IGA finished fourth.

Also taking part in the fun were: Toronto-Dominion Bank; Lighthouse Restaurant; Don and Ann's Place; Cedar Meadows Golf; Dunford Heating; Ridgeview Restaurant; Bank of Nova Scotia; Montage Real Estate; M & S Masonry; Lewis Electric; Top Cat Logging; and Agnew's General Store.

Congratulations to the convenors,

Max Walsh and Don Maharrie, who put together this great spiel.

Special thanks to the Monmouth Fire Department and Jim Deterling, Ted Nottage, Sharron

Deterling, and Eric Barnes.

Thanks also to the T.D. Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, and C.M.H.A. for their donations of prizes and treats.

BICROFT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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the 1996 levy at the same amount as for the last 4 years.

The spring meeting of Zone 5 of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers will be meeting in Cobourg on April 24-25. Speakers will talk about restructuring in Haliburton and Simcoe counties.

The RECREATION COMMITTEE presented the minutes of the March meeting. Many ideas for fund raising had been discussed. These included *setting jars for

"Friends of the Pool" in the store and Post Office, *lemonade or pop stand near pool, *showing movies once a month at a nominal charge, *community ball tournament to raise funds for the pool, *evening wiener roasts, *a car wash, plus others.

Fran Clark was elected as Chairperson of the Committee.

They recommended that 3 staff be hired for the pool.

Sub-committees are Pool-Noreen Howe, Twin H Ball-Jackie Phillips and Gary Simmons, Concession Booth-Jackie and Kim Vardy, Ball Diamond bookings-Fran and Gary.

The Committee has only 6 members and should have a minimum of 7. More members would be welcome. Anyone interested is invited to apply!

Home Support Services

By: Haliburton County Home Support Services and Repairs; *Transportation; *Emergency Response System;

Haliburton County Home Support Services is pleased with the announced reforms to Ontario's long-term care system which acknowledges the needs of clients and the importance of the volunteers.

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We are pleased that given the hospital restructuring initiatives which have placed greater demands on the underfunded community-based services, including Home Support, the government's reinvestment strategy should see more dollars invested in the community-based sector.

We look forward to continuing to work with the government and other service providers. We are committed to continuing to provide quality services in a cost-effective method.

Donna K.M. Pacey, 1-705-457-2941 1-800-567-2941.

Bicroft Council passed a by-law to increase dog licence fees effective June 1.

By-law 96-4 was passed to make official the joint agreement with Cardiff Township for fire protection to take effect April 1.

COMMUNITY CENTRE rental fees. It was decided to charge a fee of \$10 per hour for the use of the Cardiff Community Centre for a maximum of 4 hours and no alcoholic beverages being served.

There will still be a daily rate of \$150 for more than 4 hours.

Reeve Bill Howe reported on discussions about the restructuring of Haliburton County. He proposes agreements for common services within certain geographic areas such as the one between Bicroft and Cardiff for fire protection.

People must change their thinking

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Even if the number of councils and council members are reduced the personal contact must not be taken away.

In regards to staff of the municipalities, Howe is sure that any surplus will be taken care of over a period of time.

The next meeting of Bicroft Council will be on Tuesday April 23.

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